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UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Nobukazu KATO, et al

CASE: 200380-9022

SERIAL NO.: 10/090,956

FILED ON: March 5, 2002

FOR: CONNECTOR HAVING SIGNAL CONTACTS AND  
GROUND CONTACTS IN A SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENT

GROUP ART UNIT: 2833

EXAMINER: ANN MCCAMEY

AMENDMENT AND REPLY  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified

application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.